REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the telephone call received from the USPTO, this Supplemental Amendment is being transmitted to bring the previously filed Amendment, mailed on September 3, 2003.

Since the amendment relates only to the specification and claims sections, the Remarks section has not been repeated herein, as being otherwise duplicative.

As a result of the above amendments, and for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed on September 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicit an indication of allowable subject matter.

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